

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS )  
TO PROVIDE INTERNET ACCESS SERVICES ) DOCKET NO. 3553  
FOR RHODE ISLAND SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES )**

**NOTICE OF TECHNICAL RECORD SESSION**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. General Laws §§39-1-1 and 39-1-61(e), the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") will conduct a Technical Record Session on **Wednesday, October 22, 2003, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the first-floor hearing room of the Commission's office located at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island, for the purpose of implementing the requirements of R.I.G.L. 39-1-61(e) as described:

"The department (Department of Education) with the approval of the Commission, shall publish request for proposals that do not favor any particular technology, evaluate competitive bids, and select products and service that best serve the internet access needs of schools and libraries"

A copy of the proposed Request For Proposal ("RFP") can be found on the Commission's website [www.ripuc.org/docket/3553rfp.pdf](http://www.ripuc.org/docket/3553rfp.pdf)

The purpose of the technical record conference will be to ensure that the proposed RFP does not favor any particular technology. Commission Staff proposes the following appeal process for unsuccessful bids: an unsuccessful bidder may, within seven (7) calendar days of the awarding of bids file an appeal with the Commission. The Commission will review any claims that the Department of Education did not comply with the terms of the RFP or with the Commission's Rules. All other appeals shall be made through the FCC's approval process. The Department of Education shall have seven days to file a response. An original and nine (9) copies of any appeal shall be sent to:

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk  
Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

The Commission will accept comments on the proposed appeal process through October 22, 2003 at the technical session. The technical record conference will be open to the public. However with regard to the RFP details, any potential bidder is cautioned that input into the drafting of the RFP could result in a loss of opportunity to bid.

Reference is made to Chapters 39-1, 39-3 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws; specifically Sections 39-1-7, 39-1-8, 39-1-11, 39-1-12, 39-1-16, 39-1-18, 39-1-20, 42-35-8 and 42-35-10.

THE COMMISSION IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE HANDICAPPED. INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING INTERPRETER SERVICES FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED MUST NOTIFY THE DIVISION BY CALLING 941-4500, EXT. 107, SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE HEARING DATE.

Luly Massaro  
Commission Clerk  
October 10, 2003